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Applicant: HIROSHI, MIZUKOSHI      Group Art Unit: N/A  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Submitted: 01/23/04

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Substitute specification/claims** are hereby submitted.

**Amendment to the Drawing, Fig. 1** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument** begin on page 3 of this paper.